(a) whether the Ministry could think of making physical education as one of the compulsory subjects in schools, with a view to giving more importance to sports;

(b) the number of sports schools now functioning in India and how many of them are getting Central Government funding;

(c) the number of sports schools available exclusively to train women sportspersons; and

(d) if not, whether Government has proposal to establish sports schools exclusively for women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) Both New Education Policy 1986 and the National Curriculum Framework 2005 provide that Sports and Physical education are an integral part of the learning process and are necessary for overall development of learners.

(b) to (d) Sports is a State subject and as such no centralized All India database is maintained by the Ministry on the number of sports schools in the country. However, there are two institutions, *viz*. Lakshmibai National University of Physical Education (LNUPE), Gwalior and Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports (NS, NIS), Patiala, which are imparting physical education and sports education at graduate and post graduate levels in addition to conducting diploma and certificate courses. These institutes are having branches in other parts of the country and are fully funded by the Government of India and cater to both men and women.

Co-ordination for Commonwealth Games

2456. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been lack of proper coordination in making preparations for the Commonwealth Games, 2010;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and who are responsible for lack of coordination and delays in preparations;

(c) what were the original targets and what are the revised targets for preparations, item-wise and year-wise; and

(d) what special efforts are being made to expedite the works and complete the same at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The list of various sports competition venues with details of original targets and revised target of completion is given in Statement (*See* below).

(d) Recovery Plans have been worked out, wherever required, which *inter alia*, includes increase in the number of Supervisory Staff and Labour, increase in working hours, deployment of additional machinery, close monitoring and procurement of critical and special items to complete the work within the recovery schedules. Various matters related to successful organization of the Commonwealth Games including progress of work for each Venue is being monitored/reviewed every week, by the Committee of Secretaries and the Group of Ministers.

Statement

Details of venues and targets of various sports competition

Venue/Discipline	Old Completion Date	New Completion Date
Siri Fort Sports Complex-Badminton and squash	31-Dec-09	31-Mar-10
Yamuna Sports Complex-Table Tennis	31-Dec-09	31-Mar-10
Yamuna Sports Complex-Archery	15-Dec-09	28-Feb-10
Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium-Athletics	15-Nov-09	30-Jun-10
Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium-Weight Lifting	15-Nov-09	15-Feb-10
Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium-Lawn Bowls	NA	15-Feb-10
MDC National Stadium-Hockey	30-Sep-09	15-Dec-09
Indira Gandhi Stadium-Wrestling	31-Oct-09	28-Feb-10
Indira Gandhi Stadium-Gymnastics	31-Oct-09	31-Mar-10
Indira Gandhi Stadium-Cycling	30-Oct-09	31-Mar-10
CRPF, Kaderpur-Big Bore Shooting	NA	31-Mar-10
Karni Singh Shooting Ranges-Shooting	31-Mar-9	15-Dec-09
SPM Swimming Pool Complex-Aquatics	31-Oct-09	31-Mar-10
Thyagaraj Sports Complex-Netball	NA	31-Dec-09
Talkatora Indoor Stadium-Boxing	30-Nov-09	31-Dec-09
Delhi University-Main Ground-Rugby 7's	15-Nov-09	15-Mar-10
RK Khanna Tennis Complex-Tennis	31-Dec-09	15-Mar-10